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**T/O & E, WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT**

**A. TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT**

See Encls. A through E for the organizational structure of the 23d AAA Div.

**Note:** These organizational charts do not preclude the existence of other units within the 23d AAA Div. This is especially true of possible subunits in STOCKERAU (4823N-1613E). two subunits in STOCKERAU - the 68th Gds. AAA Regt. and the 42d Gds. AAA Regt.

**1. Organizational Charts**

Encl. A represents the actual organization of unit, the Special Section of Counterintelligence, Ministry of Interior (MVD - Ministerstvo Vnutrennikh Del), attached to the 23d AAA Div. For estimate of the actual organization of the division and of the actual organization and chain of command of Div. Hq. and Hq. Elements, see Encls. B and C, respectively. Encls. D and E, respectively, give estimate of the organization of the Svc. Btry. and Sig. Plat., 23d AAA Div.

**2. Strength Tables**

The actual strength of the Special Section of Counterintelligence is given in Encl. A. The only other strength estimates follow below.

a. The head count of officers eating in the division headquarters officers' mess was about 50. The officers were from Div. Hq. and Hq. Elements, Div. Sig. Plat. and Div. Svc. Btry.

b. Div. Svc. Btry. had about 150 EM and an unknown number of officers.

c. Each AAA regimental headquarters in the division had about 25 officers and an unknown number of EM.

d. the division had less than 2000 officers and EM

**3. Special Units**

among special units of the 23d AAA Div. were a driver's school and NCO school, a band and repair shops.

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**B. WEAPONS**

**1. Individual Weapons**

**a. Pistol, 7.62-mm, Tokarev, TT-1933**

These weapons were manufactured in the USSR and were used as sidearms by all officers in the 23d AAA Div. and the Special Section of Counterintelligence. On occasion, ~~EM~~ in the Special Section of Counterintelligence wore the pistols while on guard duty.

**b. SMG, 7.62-mm, PPSH**

The ~~SMGs~~ were also of Soviet manufacture. In the summer of 1953 they were issued to all ~~EM~~ in the Special Section of Counterintelligence as replacements for old M1891 rifles. ~~the PPSH~~ was the basic weapon used by all ~~EM~~ in the 23d AAA Div. ~~description of the PPSH~~ corresponded to the weapon shown on page 97 of DA Pamphlet 30-50-1, dated March 1953.

**c. Hand Grenades, RG-42, Offensive**

Three or four of these grenades were kept under lock and key in the Special Section of Counterintelligence.

**2. Crew-Served Weapons**

**a. LMG, 7.62-mm, DP "Degtyarev"**

The Special Section of Counterintelligence had one of these weapons. It was used for training purposes

**b. AAA Gun, 37-mm, M1939 (called "melko-kalibernaya zenitnaya pushka")**

The guns were Soviet-made and used in the 36th AAA Regt. of the 23d AAA Div. ~~each battery of the 36th AAA Regt. had four such pieces~~

**c. AAA Gun, 85-mm, M1939 ("sredne-kalibernaya zentinaya pushka")**

These guns were also manufactured in the USSR.

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50X1 AAA Regt. [redacted] description of the AAA gun closely approxi-  
50X1 mates that shown in figure 84, page 109 of DA Pamphlet 30-50-1.

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50X1 d. HMG, 12.7-mm, M1938, DShK

50X1 [redacted] an unknown number of these HMGs in the 36th  
50X1 AAA Regt. and the 64th AAA Regt. [redacted] they were  
50X1 the same as those shown on page 100 of DA Pamphlet 30-50-1. All  
50X1 the HMGs [redacted] were on tripod mounts and were manufact-  
ured in the USSR.

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D. VEHICLES

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The Special Section for Counterintelligence had the fol-  
lowing vehicles:

Type	Number	Capacity	Use
Opel "Kapitan" Sedan	1	4	CO's vehicle
Dodge 3/4-Ton Truck (American-made)	1	10	Transport
Ford 1 1/2-Ton Truck (American-made)	1	16	Transport

2. Other Units

The following vehicles were used within the 23d AAA Div:

Type	Number	Capacity	Use
GAZ-63 Truck	Unknown. Believed to be the most num- erous.	16	Prime mover for AAA pieces and transport.
GAZ-67B Truck (Soviet Jeep)	Unknown	4	Vehicle for division staff, regimental staff, regi- mental and bat- tery COs.

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Use</u>
Dodge Truck (American-made)	Average of five per reg- iment.	16	Transport
Ford Truck (American-made)	Average of five per reg- iment.	16	Transport
Studebaker Truck (American-made)	Unknown. Total more than Dodge and Ford trucks combined.	16	Prime mover for AAA pieces.
ZIS-5 Truck	Average of three per regiment.	16	Transport
Chevrolet, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Ton, 6 x 6 Truck (American-made)	5	Unknown	Ambulance (ply- wood cargo box was built on chassis).
"Pobeda" Sedan	1	6	Division CO's vehicle.

In the 23d AAA Div, the GAZ-63 was replacing all American-made trucks as well as the ZIS-5. The division CO and regimental COs were also assigned 4-wheeled trailer for use as CPs in the field. 50X1

There were no motorcycles in use in the 23d AAA Div.

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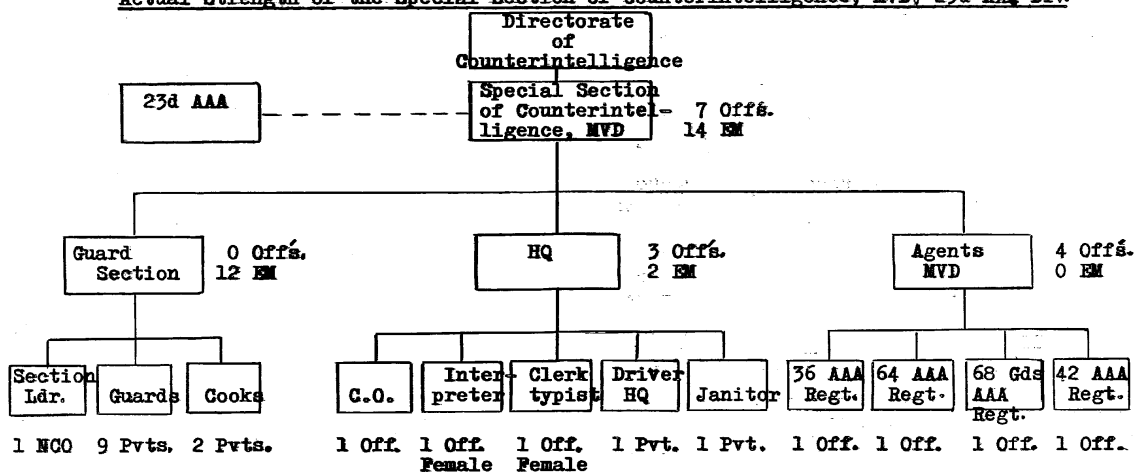
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Hq. Elements, 23d AAA Div. 50X1
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Enclosure A

Actual Strength of the Special Section of Counterintelligence, MVD, 23d AAA Div.

Note: Special Section of Counterintelligence, MVD, was attached to 23d AAA Div. and subordinate to the Directorate of Counterintelligence in BADEN (4801N-1614E), Austria

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Enclosure B

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Estimate of the Actual Organization, 23d AAA Div.

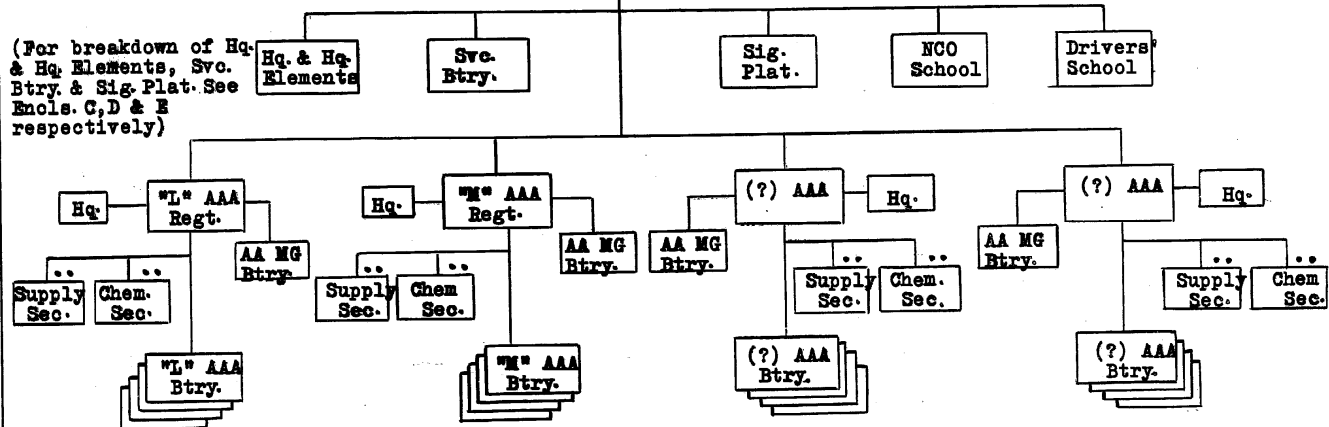
This chart does not preclude the existence of other units unknown to Source.

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Counterintelligence

Special Section of  
Counterintelligence, For further  
breakdown, See Encl. A  
MVD

(For breakdown of Hq.  
& Hq. Elements, Svc.  
Btry. & Sig. Plat. See  
Encls. C, D & E  
respectively)



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**Enclosure B**

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50X1 2. There were no battalion headquarters.

50X1 3. [Redacted] no engineer units attached or organic to the  
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50X1 4. [Redacted] the Svc. Btry. had transport drivers [Redacted]  
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50X1 5. [Redacted]

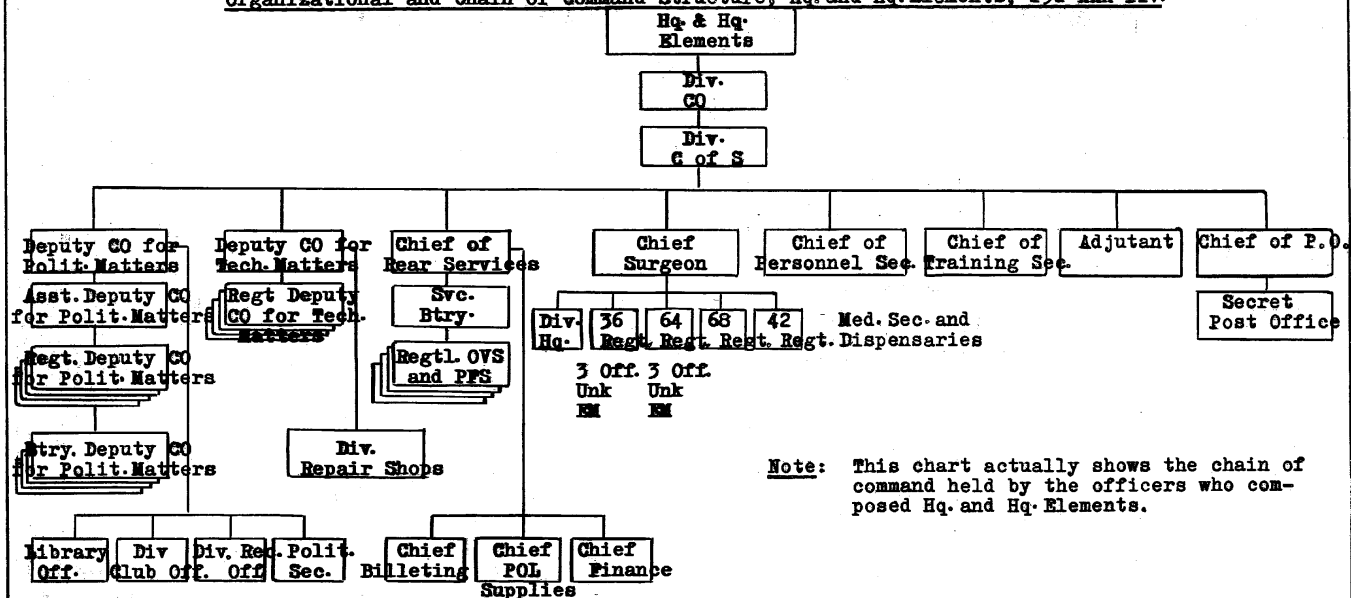
50X1 6. [Redacted] each regiment had an MG Btry. [Redacted]  
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Enclosure C

Organizational and Chain of Command Structure, Hq. and Hq. Elements, 23d AAA Div.

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Enclosure C

Chain of Organizational and Command Structure,

Hq. and Hq. Elements, 23d AAA Div.

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The 23d AAA Div. Hq. and Hq. Elements consisted of about 30 officers. There were no EM.

Position

Rank

Div. CO	Col.
Div. Chief of Staff	Col.
Chief of Training Section	Col.
Deputy CO for Political Matters	Col.
Deputy CO for Technical Matters	Col.
Chief of Rear Services	Col.
Asst. Deputy CO for Political Matters	Lt. Col.
Chief Surgeon	Lt. Col.
CO, Political Section, Division Hq.	Maj.
Div. Recreation Officer	Maj.
Div. Club Officer	Maj.
Chief of Personnel Section	Unknown
Adjutant	Unknown
Library Officer	Jr. Lt.
Chief of Post Office	Capt.
Chief of Finance	Lt.
Billeting Officer	Unknown
Chief of POL Supplies	Maj.

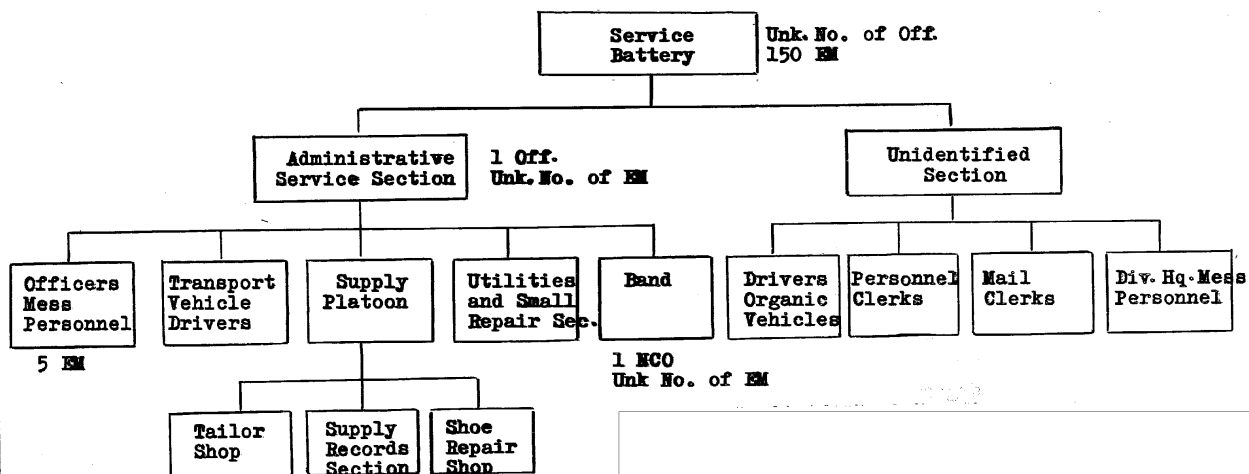
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Enclosure B

Estimate of the Breakdown of the Svc. Btry., 23d AAA Div.

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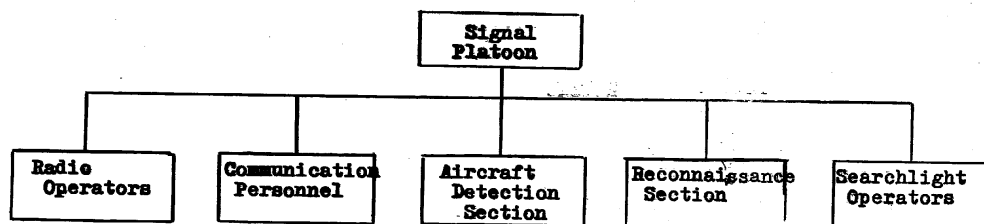
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**Enclosure E**

**Estimate of the Actual Organization of the Sig. Plat., 23d AAA Div.**



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